received from the above beneficiaries to the effect that they should be allowed to avail of Homoeopathic services from the Gole Market dispensary, which is only 500 metres away from their residences;

(c) if so, what action has so far been taker thereon; and

(d) by when the CGHS beneficiaries attached with North Avenue Allopathic Dispensary are likely to be attached with the Homeopathic Dispensary at Gole Market ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A few representations have been received from the beneficiaries.

(c) Instructions have been issued to attach the beneficiaries of North Avenue Dispensary with Gole Market Dispensary for availing of Homoeopathic Services.

(d) Does not arise.

Treatment of Osteo Arthritis

905. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hospitals in Delhi which are equipped to treat Questo-Arthritis disease ;

(b) what are the allopathic and ayurvedic drugs prescribed for the disease;

(c) whether any serious research efforts has been made by the ICMR to find an effective drug for this disease and the number of institutions in which research is going on to find an effective drug; and

(d) whether it is possible to cure this disease or control it from further deterioration ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (:i) Most of the Government hospitals in Delhi are equipped to treat Osteo-Arthritis cases.

(b) 'Non-steroidal, anti-inflammatory drugs are commonly prescribed for the treatment of the disease under allopathic system of medicine. Under the ayurvedic system, different drugs are prescribed, keep ing in view the various factors relating to the patient and the disease.

(c) The I. C. M. R. is presently not conducting any research in this behalf.

(d) Osteo-arthritis is a chronic degenera tive disease which can be controlled with the help of physical therapy and drugs.

Glass Powder in Isabgol

906. SHRI CHATURANAN MISRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in "Jansatta" Hindi of 22nd April, 1992;

(b) if so. Government reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that glass-powder was found in a packet of "Isabgol" purchased from a shop-keeper in Shahdara Delhi;

(d) whether on 29th March and 18th April, 1992 a letter was sent to the Lt. Governor of Delhi drawing his attention about this; and

(e) what action has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (e) As per information received from Delhi Administration, the case, as reported in the newsreport, was promptly investigated by its Drug Control department, though no formal complaint was received. Efforts made to locate the purchaser of the adulterated Isabgol powder went in vain and, therefore, Sample could not be obtained for verification. Further, no patients by the names noted in the news-report were admitted in GTB Hospital. No stock of the item * was found with M/s. Shriram Ram Chander, 11. Chhoti Bazar, Shandava, Delhi. Morebver no letter on the subjeci addressed to tre Lt. Governor of